

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on March 5, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Grace, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 582, 2/22/1999
SB 294, 2/22/1999
SB 380, 2/22/1999
SB 226, 2/22/1999

Executive Action:

SB 226 - Concur
HB 397 - Table
HB 253 - Table
HB 385 - Table
HB 511 - Table
SB 380 - Concur
SB 294 - Postponed

HEARING ON HB 582

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bob Story, House District 24

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.7}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue

EXHIBIT(tah50a01) **EXHIBIT**(tah50a02) **EXHIBIT**(tah50a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.5}

Joseph Shevlin, Montana Society of CPA's

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.6}

Opponents' Testimony:

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.9}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

The sponsor closed. **EXHIBIT**(tah50a04)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.5}

HEARING ON SB 294

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Mack Cole, Senate District 4
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.7}

Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.5}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.4}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.9}

HEARING ON SB 380

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. J. D. Lynch, Senate District 19
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.1}

Proponents' Testimony:

Arne Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks **EXHIBIT**(tah50a05)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.2}

Judy Garrity, Children's Trust Fund Board **EXHIBIT**(tah50a06)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.2}

Sara Lipscomb, Montana Council for Families

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.9}

Shirley Brown, DPHHS - Children and Families

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.7}

Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society **EXHIBIT**(tah50a07)

EXHIBIT(tah50a08)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.7}

Gene Hickman, Wildlife Biologist **EXHIBIT**(tah50a09)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.3}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.5}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Harrington closed for the sponsor.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.9}

HEARING ON SB 226

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. John Hertel, Senate District 47

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.5}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner and Member of the
MACo Transportation Committee

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.9}

Mary Allen, Powell County

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.1}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.4}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.7}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 226

Motion:

Rep. Ross MOVED to CONCUR in SB 226.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26}

Vote:

The MOTION PASSED, 14 - 6. Schmidt, Rose, Guggenheim, Jackson, Harrington, Dale, Somerville, Erickson, Beck, Fuchs, Harper, Raney, Gillan and Hibbard voting yes; Story, Orr, Holden, Rehbein, Davies and Hanson voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 397

Motion:

Rep. Erickson MOVED to TABLE HB 397. On a voice vote, the MOTION PASSED, 16 - 4. Raney, Schmidt, Harper and Gillan voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.3}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 253

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Harrington MOVED to TABLE HB 253. The MOTION FAILED, 10 - 10. Story, Orr, Holden, Jackson, Dale, Somerville, Rehbein, Davies, Fuchs and Hanson voting no; Schmidt, Rose, Guggenheim, Harrington, Erickson, Beck, Harper, Raney, Gillan and Hibbard voting yes.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.4}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19}

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Holden MOVED to TABLE HB 253. The MOTION PASSED, 11 - 9.
Schmidt, Rose, Guggenheim, Harrington, Erickson, Beck, Harper,
Hanson, Raney, Gillan and Hibbard voting yes; Story, Orr, Holden,
Jackson, Dale, Somerville, Rehbein, Davies, and Fuchs voting no.
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 385

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Story MOVED to TABLE HB 385. On a voice vote, the MOTION
PASSED, 19 - 1. Raney voting no.
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.7}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 511

Motion:

Rep. Harper MOVED DO PASS on HB 511.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.2}

Motion:

Rep. Harper MOVED TO AMEND HB 511. **EXHIBIT**(tah50a10)
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.2}

Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5}

Vote:

The MOTION PASSED, 20 - 0.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.1}

Vote:

The MOTION FAILED on the DO PASS AS AMENDED motion, 10 - 10.
Story, Orr, Holden, Rose, Dale, Somerville, Rehbein, Beck, Davies
and Fuchs voting no; Schmidt, Guggenheim, Jackson, Harrington,
Erickson, Harper, Hanson, Raney, Gillan and Hibbard voting yes.

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Hanson MOVED to TABLE. The MOTION PASSED, 11 - 9.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.5}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 380

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Rose MOVED to CONCUR on SB 380. On a voice vote the MOTION PASSED, 15 - 5. Orr, Holden, Jackson, Rehbein and Davies voting no.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.8}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 294

Motion:

Rep. Rehbein MOVED to CONCUR on SB 294.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.7}

Discussion:

Executive action was postponed.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.2}

Adjourn. {Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.6}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 1130 A.M.

REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG

EXHIBIT (tah50aad)